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REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, in the above patent application is respectfully acknowledged.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition and Fee for a two-month extension of time for filing this Response. The time is calculated from the May 19, 2006, Office Action which was supplemented by the Examiner's further Office Actions of September 1, 2006, and October 13, 2006. The above amendments and the following Remarks are relevant to all of those Office Actions.

Claims 47-49, 51-60, 62-114, 116-124, 126-144 and 146-172 remain in the application in the same form as submitted with the Response filed September 29, 2006. Hence, no claim listing is included herein since no further claim amendments have been made.

The undersigned counsel for Applicant discussed the Office Action of October 13, 2006, with the Examiner by phone on October 18 and 19, 2006. The courtesy and helpfulness of the Examiner is sincerely appreciated. During the telephone discussions, identification of the "attachment element", "attachment member", and "elongated member", in the specification was explained to the Examiner. The following explanation of the support found in the specification for the terminology set forth in the claims confirms the above telephone discussions. Moreover, Applicants have now amended the specification to provide specific identity of the claim terminology in the specification, especially with respect to the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 7 and 7A and discussed at pages 12 and 13, as well as page 9, and other portions of the specification. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments to the specification and the following Remarks showing support in the specification for the claim terminology is respectfully requested.

With respect to the terminology used in the claims, and especially independent claims 47, 83, 112 and 142, the specification fully supports the "attachment member", "attachment element", and "elongated member", especially at pages 12 and 13, Figs. 7 and 7a, and in other portions of the specification such as at pages 6-9. More specifically, and with reference to the above amended paragraph of the specification, Figs. 7 and 7A illustrate a power strip 230 which may be adhered by an adhesive layer 237 to the window panel 234. The power strip 230 provides an attachment member for accessories and includes an elongated member or track having a channel 238 within which are received one or more

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electrically powered accessories 240, such as map lights and the like, providing attachment elements. Accessories 240, such as map lights, are received and attached within channel 238 and are preferably moveable to any one of a number of positions within channel 238 to suit the need of the operator in a manner like that of track lighting in buildings. Accordingly, as now set forth in the specification, in one embodiment of the invention defined in the claims, the attachment member is power strip 230 which includes an elongated member or track having a channel 238 within which are received one or more electrically powered accessories 240, such as map lights or the like, providing attachment elements. Hence, as required by the Examiner in the Office Action, it is now clear what Applicants intend for the claimed terms “attachment member”, “elongated member”, and “attachment element”. Applicants have complied with the Examiner’s request to specifically point out specification language and specific location in support of the claimed technology to allow examination to proceed.

It is noted that in the claims, as exemplified by independent claims 47, 83, 112 and 142, the “attachment member” comprises at least one elongated member which, in the embodiment of the Fig. 7, is an elongated track 230 having a channel 238. As explained on page 9, lines 4-10, of the specification, such attachment member can be a thermoplastic or thermoset bead or profile molded or extruded on the panel or attached by any one of the methods shown in Figs. 3A-3E and explained at pages 6-9 of the specification to provide a substrate for attaching the interior accessory (i.e., the attachment element or map light 240 in the embodiment of Fig. 7). As explained at page 6, lines 1-8, any one of several types of accessories can be attached to the inner surface of the panel such as storage compartments, lamps, power strips, information displays, grab handles, sun visors, interior trim components, including head liners, sun shades and the like, as described more fully within the specification. Moreover, page 9 further states that the interior accessory, such as a storage compartment or, as stated at the top of page 6, other items such as lamps, power strips or the like, can be attached to such profile by any one of the same attachment mechanisms described in the specification, namely, those at pages 6-9 and Figs. 3A-3E. Hence, the attachment methods described at pages 6-9 include detachable securing or attachment methods for the accessory element or map light to the accessory member/elongated member or track thereby supporting the claim language of claims 47, 83, 112 and 142 as well as the claims dependent thereon.

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Accordingly, in view of the above amendments to the specification, and the support provided in the specification and drawings for claims 47-49, 51-60, 62-114, 116-124, 126-144 and 146-172 as explained to the Examiner by phone and in the above Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objection to the application based on a lack of support in the specification for the claims is now obviated and that examination can proceed. Accordingly, further examination of the application in view of the above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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